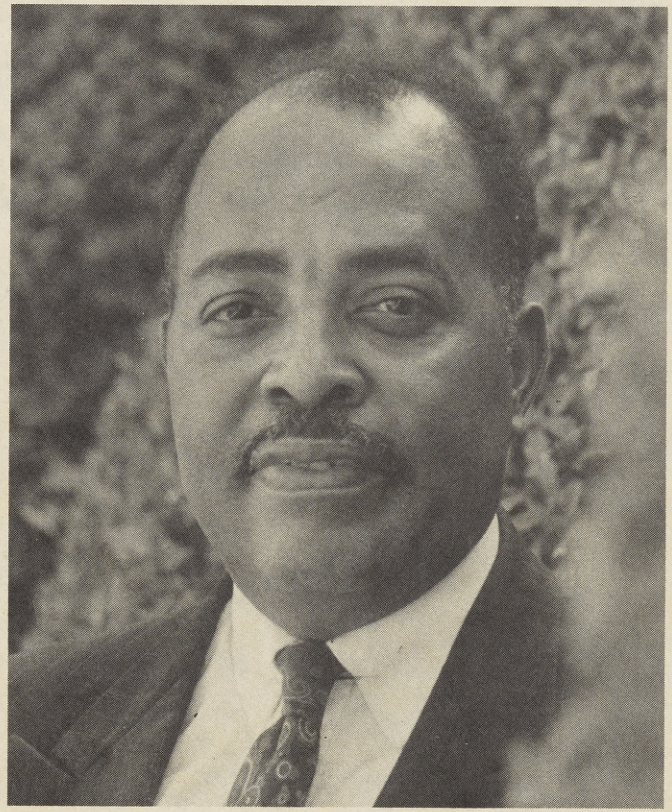
Celebrating the Homegoing of

Reverend Ted Maurice Johnson

President/Chairman of the Board
Compassion Christian Center
Senior Pastor, 1969 - 1992



1943 - 1992

Compassion Christian Center
1030 4th Street
Bakersfield, California

To My Loving Family and Church Family

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same;
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hands in Comfort and in Cheer
And, in turn, I will comfort you and hold you near,
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

Obituary
of
Pastor Ted Maurice Johnson
1943 - 1992

The 48 years of the life of Pastor Ted Maurice Johnson were marked by his commitment to the things of God, his family, his church family, and his community.

He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and moved to Bakersfield with his family at an early age. Ted was the eldest of 13 children born to Superintendent Thomas D. Johnson and the late Dorothy Johnson. He was a product of the local school systems and attended Lincoln Jr. High and East Bakersfield High School. He continued his education at Bakersfield College. In 1964, he was drafted into the Army and stationed at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma. After an honorable discharge in 1968, he continued his education at California State College where he received both a bachelors degree in Sociology and a masters degree in counseling. He also attended San Jose Bible College. He held a lifetime teaching credential and taught school for 13 years, ten at Foothill High and three at South High.

He began his life-long walk with Christ at an early age and through his youth he played piano and served in leadership roles in the local church and the California Northwest State Jurisdiction.

On June 17, 1967, he was united in holy matrimony with Martha Louise Miller. That union was blessed with three daughters to whom he imparted love, compassion, the vision for reaching the lost, and love for the things of God.

He was in ministry for 30 years and functioned many years with his father in the Glorious District. In 1969, as founder and visionary, he pioneered Temple of Compassion Church of God in Christ, with a membership of only he and his wife. As God blessed their obedience and the church family grew, they relocated several times. Led by the spirit, in 1986, Pastor Ted renamed the church to Compassion Christian Center, currently located at 1030 4th Street.

He was involved extensively in the community and was instrumental in bringing people of all races and walks of life together. He was active in numerous organizations and served on many boards including the NAACP, Ministers Conference of Kern County, Full Gospel Businessmen, Shepherds Fellowship, Kern Adult Literacy Council, Teen Challenge, Police Liaison Committee, Community Christian High Schools, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

On August 7, 1992, he passed from labor to reward. He will live eternally with the Lord. He will live forever in the treasured memories of all who knew him as a man of compassion and as a man who always chose to walk in love. He believed that as he was blessed, he must give back to the community because, as he stated, "you pass this way but once, and the work you do must speak for you."

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his homegoing; a loving and devoted wife, Martha Johnson; three daughters, Marisa, Michelle, and Terra, all of Bakersfield; his father, Superintendent Thomas D. Johnson of Bakersfield; four brothers, Pastor David Johnson, Assistant Pastor James Johnson, Don L. Johnson, and Marvin Johnson, all of Bakersfield; seven sisters, Mrs. Ruby Sanders, Mrs. Evon Nichols, Ms. LaVerne Robinson, Mrs. Maethan Hill, Mrs. Murna McMurray, Ms. Mickey Johnson, and Mrs. Ronetta Turner, all of Bakersfield; brothers in-law, sisters in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives, life-long and recent friends, and a spiritual church family dedicated to carrying out the God-given vision.

Order of Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1992
10:00 a.m.

Compassion Christian Center
1030 4th Street, Bakersfield, California

Master of Ceremony . . . . . Assistant Pastor Steven Johnson

PROCESSIONAL

Organist . . . . . Barbara Butler

Pianist . . . . . David Smith

Scripture - Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer . . . . . Elder James Phillips

Praise and Worship . . . . . Praise Team

Acknowledgements of Cards and Telegrams . . . . . Nellie Wright

Resolutions - Compassion Christian Center . . . . . Nellie Wright
Board of Education, Bakersfield City School District . . . . Irma Carson

Selection - "Dont't Cry For Me" . . . . . Marie Keyes

Vision . . . . . Minister Ruth Kelly

Remarks - *Please limit remarks to two minutes*

Ministry . . . . . Pastor Leon Martin

Related Churches . . . . . Pastor Lewis Brown
Pastor Kathy Perryman

Community . . . . . Reverend Oscar Anthony

Friend . . . . . Pastor Johnny Maroney

Special Remarks . . . . . Bishop W. Hamilton
Prelate California Northwest Jurisdiction

Mother McGlothan
State Mother

Selection - "We Shall Behold Him" . . . . . Sheryl Stewart

Special Reading . . . . . Sharon Matlock

Tributes . . . . . Pastor David Johnson

Pastor James Johnson

Obituary . . . . . Minister Mary Williams

Excerpts . . . . . Pastor Ted M. Johnson

Words of Comfort . . . . . Dr. Earl D. Johnson, Pastor
Covenant Life Church
Pasadena, California

Parting View

RECESSIONAL

Pallbearers

Pastor Milt Cole
Pastor Bernard Wallace

Pastor Donald Vereen
Pastor Leon Rollins

Pastor Duane Meadors
Pastor Larry White

Honorary Pallbearers

The Elders and Deacons
of Compassion Christian Center

Interment

Garden of Resurrection
Hillcrest Memorial Park
Bakersfield, California

Lunch will be served for the family
at Rafer Johnson School
1001 10th Street

Prayer for the Congregation

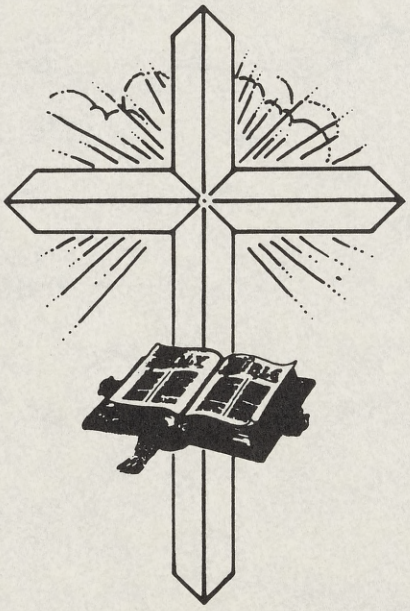
Father, we pray and confess Your Word over the congregation at our church. We ask that Your people will come together having one mind, with the compassion and love of a family. We pray that this congregation will not treat each other as the world does, but with the love and hope of heaven. We confess that this body of believers bring forth fruit upon hearing the truth of Your grace and after experiencing the new birth through Jesus Christ.

— The Family of Pastor Ted Johnson

We Thank You

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you are not there at all, just thinking of us on this day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.
Whatever the part.

The family of Reverend Ted Maurice Johnson, greatly acknowledges the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended during this period of bereavement.



Jesse E. Cooley, Jr.
Funeral Service

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Bakersfield, California 93304

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Fresno, California 93706

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1605 W. Washington
Stockton, California 95203